



Church of the

# Holy Spirit

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## MASSES

Saturday 4:00<sub>PM</sub>  
Sunday 8:30<sub>AM</sub>, 11:00<sub>AM</sub>  
Wednesday 8:15<sub>AM</sub>  
Friday Communion Service  
& Holidays 8:30<sub>AM</sub>

*You are invited to celebrate  
sacraments with us:*

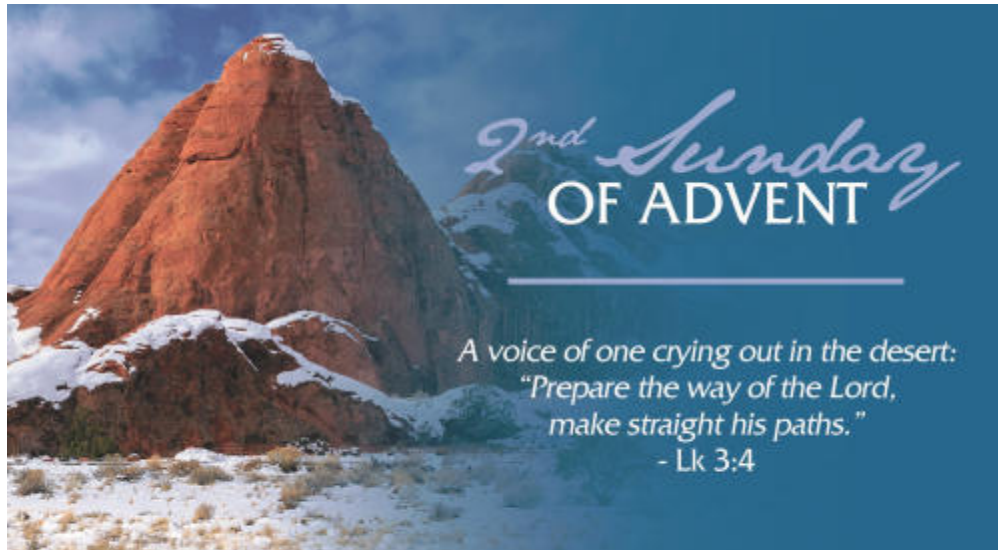
## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday at 3:00<sub>PM</sub> or by appointment.

Contact the Parish Center to arrange preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Sacrament of the Sick. If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the parish at least six (6) months in advance.

### Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Formation Employment Opportunity...

Would you like to guide families as they prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation? We invite you to join our team. This is a 10 hour a week paid position. There are no special job skills requirements, just a willingness to learn and to become a part of the LIFT team. Send your resume and letter of interest to Laura Countryman, Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith and Family Ministry, [laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org).



### A letter from your parish staff...

Advent has begun. We began a new church year and a time of hope as we see the light of Christ in the distance. There are many ways to celebrate the season. The *Word Among Us* books were available in the church. There are also many options online: Busted Halo has a digital Advent calendar and a photo contest. Dynamic Catholic will send you its *Best Advent Ever* messages. The USCCB has a calendar for families and adults. Loyola Press, America and many more sites also have Advent calendars. We also distributed special Advent Calendars with halos last weekend. Try out some of the many opportunities to have a hopeful and holy advent. We encourage you to try more than one! The important thing is that we prepare for the coming of Christ.

As we celebrate Advent with so many opportunities to explore our faith, try to remember the purpose of the celebration. What are your hopes for the season? What are your hopes for the coming year? What do you need to do to see the light of Christ? The beauty of Catholicism, is that it gives us many opportunities to examine where we are on our journey of faith and we can recalculate where we want to be. Use this Advent as a time of hope and to realize that as Pope Francis tells us—we are all called to live a life of holiness.

Have yourself a holy little Advent!

*Peace Be With You,  
Laura, Pam and Meaghan*

**Sunday's Reading: #884**

**Psalm Response: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."**

**This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3: 1 — 6****Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3: 10 — 18**

See our website for this week's daily readings:  
www.holyspirtchurcheg.org

**Reflection Questions for the Week**

- As we prepare the way for Jesus to be born anew into our hearts this Christmas, how can we make our rough roads smooth?
- As a parish how might you prepare to welcome with love and joy the people who will join your community to celebrate Christmas?
- How can you be good news to your family and friends this week?

**Week of Sunday,  
December 9, 2018**

**Saturday 12/8—10<sup>AM</sup>—Immaculate Conception**  
For the People

**Saturday 12/8—4<sup>PM</sup>**  
Elia Gori—by Joe & Mary Ann Danner  
David Rossiter—by Jean Probst

**Sunday 12/9—8:30<sup>AM</sup>**  
William Belschwinder—by Amelia Belschwinder  
Richard Crist—by his family  
Peter Wildzunas—by Ruth & Jack Coyne  
Frances Sulzberger—by Shirley Hirt

**Sunday 12/9—11:00<sup>AM</sup>**  
Mary & Louis Nessel—by Amy & Joe Gordon

**Wednesday 12/12—8:15<sup>AM</sup>—For our Parish family**

**Friday 12/14—8:30<sup>AM</sup>—Communion Service**

**Saturday 12/15—4<sup>PM</sup>**  
John Linacre—by Shirley Conway  
William Belschwinder—by Rocco & Agnes Acquilano  
Francis Danner—by Carrie Miller

**Sunday 12/16—8:30<sup>AM</sup>**  
Frank & Frances Piela, Joseph, Paulina & Mary Lucas, Paul & Rose Myslow, Martin & Helen Czwakiel,  
Jack & Clara McKenna, Charles & Josephine Berkham  
—by Paul Piela  
Nikki Hart—by the Hart family

**Sunday 12/16—11:00<sup>AM</sup>—For the People**

**Correction...** Christmas Choir rehearsal is only on December 19<sup>th</sup>, not on December 12<sup>th</sup> as listed in last week's bulletin.

**Stewardship****Offertory:**

12/02/18 — \$5,050.00

12/03/17 — \$6,129.50

Are you looking for a convenient, easy to remember way to be a good steward? Look into safe and secure **Online Giving** at Holy Spirit. You may access donation forms and manage your stewardship by using our parish website at: holyspirtchurcheg.org.



**Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming!!!** We have four Masses scheduled for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and need ushers and people to take up the collection for each mass. The sign up

sheets are at both doors. You can make this small offering of your time a Christmas gift to the parish.



**Celebrate Advent!** Are you looking for ways to "prepare the way of the Lord"? Pick up a Holy Spirit's *Rejoice and Be Glad—Celebrating a Holy Advent Season with halos and hay* if you didn't get one last weekend. In order to have a holy and hopeful Advent, we have provided each household with their own halo and Advent calendar. Journey with us this advent. All are welcome!



**New ministry!** We now have a bulletin especially for children. We are looking for ushers to distribute these bulletins. Children, teens and families are encouraged to join this ministry. Contact Meaghan or Laura to sign up. The only requirement is a smile and a desire to serve.

**Transition Update...** Gail Moore, our new Interim Administrator, began her work at Holy Spirit on November 29<sup>th</sup>, and will spend one day a week with us. Gail is very impressed by Holy Spirit and is excited to be with us during this transition. Welcome Gail!

**THE Advent Giving Tree** offers an opportunity for Holy Spirit parishioners to donate gifts to their neighbors in need through the CoNSERNS-U Christmas Store. The Giving Tree gift tags are now available. Tags must be attached to an **unwrapped, unopened** gift and placed under the tree by **noon** on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. (The gifts are for young people, 17 and under. CoNSERNS-U suggests a limit of \$25 on individual gifts.) The Giving Tree, and all the other generous acts of kindness, are the continuing effort to keep the poor in our hearts throughout the year.



**Prayer Lists**—To add names to the prayer lists for the health of parishioners or those parishioners who are in the armed services, please call 518-477-7925 or email names to: [info@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:info@holyspiritchurcheg.org).

**Please Pray for the Health of...** Philip Agcaoili, Sandra Battisto, Joe Belschwinder, Jennifer Bobersky, Linda Cambareri, Louise Carpentier, Catherine Coates, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBiasio, Chris Edwards, Fred Endres, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, Rose Helms, Mary Hoffman, Carol Langdon, Margaret Leahy, Jeff Lichiello, Daniel Lockhart, Daniel Mancino, Jeff McAuley, Carole McDowell, Paula Meisel, Joan Mineau, Zygmunt Palasz, Lynn Pupello, John Orsino, Patricia Reilly, Joan & Lou Roher, Mary Lou Seger, Teena Sleasman, Jeff Werther & Mary Whitford.

**Please Pray for Parishioners in the Armed Forces...** James Conlon, Jason Dringus, Dan Farley, Casey Frankoski, Luke Horvath, Anthony Hunt, Davis Kakely, Arthur Murphy, Brian L. Murphy, and Erin Walraven.



**Holy Spirit Directory...**

**Parish Pastoral Team 518-477-7925**

- Deacon ..... Deacon Bill Dringus ... [deacon1275@aol.com](mailto:deacon1275@aol.com)
- Interim Sacramental Minister ..... Fr. John Bradley
- Interim Administrator ..... Gail Moore
- Family Ministry & Lifelong Faith Formation (LIFT) .....
  - Laura Countryman ..... [laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org)
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  - Tim Dowling ..... [tim@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:tim@holyspiritchurcheg.org)
- Parish Finances ..... Nora Rucinski
- Secretary .... Pam Bennett .. [info@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:info@holyspiritchurcheg.org)
- Maintenance Services ..... Paul Weidman

**Holy Spirit School (PreK3-Grade 8)**

- School Office, 54 Highland Drive ..... 518-477-5739
- Email ..... [hsoffice@hsseg.org](mailto:hsoffice@hsseg.org)
- Michael Kosar, Principal ..... [principal@hsseg.com](mailto:principal@hsseg.com)

**Upcoming Events...**

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Sa 12/8	Casseroles, Cookies & Caroling	5PM	Gym
We 12/19	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	7PM	Church
Su 12/23	Greening of the Church	1PM	Church
Mo 12/24	Christmas Eve	Offices	Closed
Tu 12/25	Christmas Day	Offices	Closed

**Weekly Events...**

- The Rosary—Tuesdays at 11<sup>AM</sup> in the Church.
- Bible Study—Wednesdays at 10:30<sup>AM</sup> in the Church.
- Choir Practice—1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7<sup>PM</sup> in the Church.

**Pastoral Council News...** Parish Council Members, Trustees, and Finance Committee members are available for you to contact, or you can call the parish office 518-477-7925.

- Deacon Bill Dringus: [deacon1275@aol.com](mailto:deacon1275@aol.com)
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**Volunteers Needed...** to help set up the CoNSERNS-U Christmas Store from 9 to 11<sup>AM</sup> on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. They also need volunteers to help families shop from 9<sup>AM</sup> to 5<sup>PM</sup> on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and from 9<sup>AM</sup> to 2<sup>PM</sup> on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katy at CoNSERNS-U, 518-463-8571.



**Holy Hay!** Don't forget to bring your hay to the manger for all of the holy deeds that you performed. Pick up more hay from the bin if you need it. When Christmas comes, Jesus will lay in the holy hay.



**ADVENT**  
IS A JOURNEY TOWARDS  
BETHLEHEM. MAY WE LET  
OURSELVES BE DRAWN BY THE  
LIGHT OF GOD MADE MAN.  
*Pope Francis*

**Best Advent Ever...** Sign up now for Dynamic Catholic's *Best Advent Ever*, a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy season. Experience Advent in a new way—leading to the best Christmas of your life. [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com). Each day during Advent, you'll receive an email with a short inspirational video, practical tips and real-life stories to encourage you on your faith journey. Last year nearly a million people participated. Join us this Advent. Be Bold. Be Catholic.





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